

**Bedford Community Preservation Committee
Minutes of Tuesday, September 22, 2015 - Regular Session
Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room**

Members Present: Robin Steele (Recreation Commission), Chair; Cathy Cordes (at-large member); Don Corey (Historic Preservation Commission); Robert Schmalz (Housing Authority); Shawn Hanegan (Planning Board); Margot Fleischman (Selectman, Park Commissioner)

Absent: Steven Hagan (Conservation Commission); Christina Wilgren (Bedford Housing Partnership);

Also Present: Selectmen William Moonan and Capital Expenditure Committee member Barbara Perry

Call Meeting to Order

Chair Steele opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Discussion:

- **Program and Plan and Annual Report**

There were no issues with the Program and Plan

- **Hear Report on Status of Current CPC Funds**

Finance Director Victor Garofalo updated the funding scenario after Town Engineer Adrienne St. John said that \$33,434.07 can be released from the Bike Path Resurfacing Project. They will retain \$20,000 for the Narrow Gauge Rail Trail repaving project in case prices go up.

- **Other**

Chair Steele stated that she will be going before the Finance Committee to present the Community Preservation budget for Special Town Meeting.

Public Hearing - Needs, Possibilities & Resources

Ms. Cordes moved to open the Public Hearing. Mr. Hanegan seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0-0.

- **Amend Original Appropriation Bond Payment - Town Hall MEP Project**

Ms. Fleischman moved to recommend that Town Meeting amend the FY16 Community Preservation Budget by reducing the amount appropriated to the Bond Payment - Town Hall MEP Project by \$31,067 for a revised appropriation of \$16,001. Ms. Cordes seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0-0.

- **Amend Original Appropriation for Affordable Housing Reserves**

Mr. Hanegan moved to recommend that Town Meeting amend the FY16 Community Preservation Budget by reducing the amount appropriated to the Affordable Housing Reserve by \$11,580.10 for a revised appropriation of \$155,080. Mr. Schmalz seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0-0.

- **Community Preservation Surcharge – Effective July 1, 2016**

Mr. Schmalz moved to recommend to Town Meeting continuation of the 3% surcharge for FY2017. Mr. Hanegan seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0-0.

- **Other Amendments that may be proposed**

Mr. Corey moved to recommend that the committee release \$33,434.07 back to Undesignated Fund Balance for Article 22-07 FY2014 (2013 ATM) – General Ledger Project number 0802 – Bike Path Resurfacing, as this project has been completed; and further move that the remaining \$20,000 from Article 22-07 FY2014 (2013 ATM) Bike Path Resurfacing be used to complete the Narrow Gauge Rail Trail as specified in the memo from DPW Director Sorenson, on September 16, 2015. Ms. Cordes seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0-0.

Selectmen William Moonan inquired about the Town Museum and whether it could be funded using money from the Historic Properties Preservation Fund. Mr. Corey reported that Town Counsel had consulted with the Department of Revenue and based on that discussion there is a low probability that Community Preservation funds could be used for the feasibility study. An article has been drafted for the Special Town Meeting Warrant to fund the feasibility study out of the capital article.

Ms. Fleischman told Mr. Moonan that the Town Museum tied with Athletic Field when the committee did a pairwise ranking of future projects.

Ms. Fleischman moved to close the public meeting. Ms. Cordes seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0-0.

Plan Next Meeting

The Committee will meet again on Monday, November 9, 2015.

Adjourn

Mr. Hanegan made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Cordes seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.